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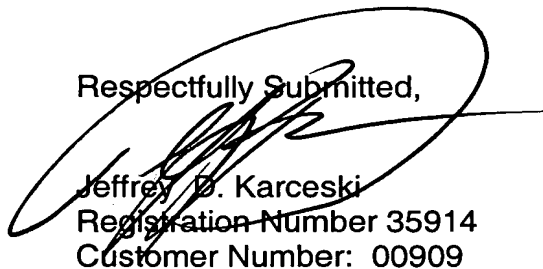
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A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference, CN 1166723 A, appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference, CN 1226696 A, is attached hereto, and is relied upon for a statement of relevance for that reference.

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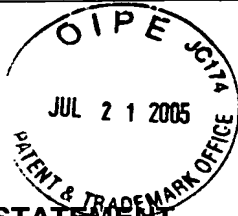


APPENDIX

Concise Explanation

According to the title, CN 1166723 A, concerns a method and device for controlling the sound of an A/V unit.

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